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SUBJECT: SPAIN'S ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP

REF: A) MADRID 3427, B) MADRID 3011, C) STATE 94118

1. EMBASSY MAY BE GUIDED BY FOLLOWING:

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A) GOS MAY BE ASSURED THAT USG HAS NO INTENT TO SEEK

DISMANTLEMENT OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH EC--EITHER TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 502(B)3 OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

B) ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE OF POSSIBILITY THAT GOS MAY SEEK TO LINK GSP ELIGIBILITY TO OTHER NEGOTIATIONS, US APPROACH IS BASED ON INTENT TO MEET TRADE ACT REQUIREMENTS WHICH, IN CASE OF SECTION 502(B)3, DERIVE FROM LONGSTANDING US CONCERN ABOUT ADVERSE EFFECT OF PREFERENCES ACCORDED EC BY MEDITERRANEAN AND OTHER ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY MAKES CLEAR THAT THIS SECTION WAS INTENDED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN CONSIDERING ELIGIBILITY OF KEY MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES.

C) ALTHOUGH US ANALYSIS HAS NOT QUITE REACHED POINT OF IDENTIFYING LIST OF KEY TRADE ITEMS ON WHICH WE CONCLUDE

THAT SPAIN'S PREFERENCES HAVE OR LIKELY TO HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON US COMMERCE, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT FINDINGS RE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF SPANISH PREFERENCES WILL PERMIT GOS TO MEET TRADE ACT REQUIREMENTS (WITHOUT DISMANTLING ITS EC RELATIONS, PRESENT AND FUTURE) BY TAKING ACTIONS NEEDED TO OFFSET SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT.

D) WE EXPECT PRODUCT LIST TO BE COMPLETED SHORTLY AND WILL PROVIDE COPIES TO EMBASSY MADRID AND SPANISH EMBASSY AT EARLIEST DATE POSSIBLE.

E) AS EMBASSY AWARE, USG IS TAKING SIMILAR APPROACH TO GSP ELIGIBILITY OF ISRAEL, GREECE AND PORTUGAL.

2. ROWELL-OWEN LETTER OF MAY 21 TRANSMITS ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO. INGERSOLL

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